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1. [REDACTED] in line with his attitude toward previous Iranian governments, the Shah is anxious to retain control of the present government. Likewise, the Shah's sisters want to continue exercising their personal influence in affairs of state.
2. [REDACTED] Prime Minister Razmara is resisting this interference from the Court and informant states that, as a result, serious conflict is developing between the Court and the Prime Minister, with the Shah and his sisters intriguing with certain Majlis factions to weaken the Prime Minister's authority.
3. [REDACTED] it is Razmara's belief that, if the United States and British Governments were jointly to point out to the Shah the dangers of such intervention, the Shah would listen and probably alter his attitude. Informant stressed the fact that Razmara would not want legal opposition curbed, but needs assistance only to restrain what he considers to be the Shah's unconstitutional and behind-the-scenes interference.

Comment. In view of the nature of the information contained in this report, it is believed that Razzara may have made his position in this matter known to a person who in turn would be in a position to get the word to the United States and British Governments without the knowledge of the Shah.

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